

HOUSE RESOLUTION 170

By Mitchell

A RESOLUTION to recognize Connie Johnson Gwinn on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Connie Johnson Gwinn is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty years as an educator for Metro Nashville Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, after such a stalwart career in education, Mrs. Gwinn will be taking a much deserved retirement in July of this year; and

WHEREAS, Connie Gwinn was born to parents, Walter and Mary Ann Johnson. A Nashville native through-and-through, she started her education at Cockrill Elementary School and Wharton Junior High School before receiving her diploma from Hillwood High School, all within the Metro Nashville system from which she is now retiring; and

WHEREAS, wanting to advance her education, Mrs. Gwinn received her undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and her master's degree from Trevecca Nazarene University; and

WHEREAS, during her thirty years teaching with Metro Nashville, she spent her first two years at McKissack Middle School followed by twenty years at W.A. Bass Middle School. While at Bass Middle, she served in an unofficial capacity as assistant principal for three years. She also coached cheerleading and taught forensics, and she led the student council and a teacher leadership team; and

WHEREAS, from Bass Middle, Connie Gwinn transferred to Brookmeade Elementary School, where she taught third grade. She went on to serve as interim principal at Margaret

Allen Middle School, and for the past nine years, she has served as lead principal at H.G. Hill Middle School; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and honors, Mrs. Gwinn received Teacher of the Year Awards during her tenures at W.A. Bass Middle School and Brookmeade Elementary School, and she was named Principal of the Year while presiding over H.G. Hill Middle School; and

WHEREAS, throughout her storied tenure as an educator, Connie Gwinn has had the love, support, and companionship of her husband, Ricky Gwinn; the high school sweethearts were united in matrimony shortly after Mrs. Gwinn graduated from the University of Tennessee. Together, they have two children, Jessica and Andy, and the Gwinns are eagerly anticipating the August-birth of their first grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gwinn exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Connie Gwinn has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and her students, both past and present; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Connie Johnson Gwinn our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.